

The Georgia Board of Nursing met September 28, 2004 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice-President
Toni Barnett, RN, PhD
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MN
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Darden, RN, PhD, President

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney, Enforcement
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS PRESENT via TELECONFERENCE (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

Dr. Joyce Johnson	Albany State University
Ms. Cheryl Miller	Northwestern Technical College
Ms. Diane Peters	Northwestern Technical College
Ms. Karen Spivey	Northwestern Technical College
Ms. Tina Holt	Northwestern Technical College
Ms. Martina Harris	Northwestern Technical College
Dr. Mindy McCannon	Northwestern Technical College
Mr. Ken Smith	West Central Technical College
Ms. Christine Hunt	West Central Technical College
Ms. Randa Smith	West Central Technical College
Ms. Kim Helms	West Central Technical College
Mr. Pat Hannon	West Central Technical College

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Mrs. Easterly moved, Dr. Barnett seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h) and 43-26-11 *to deliberate enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and administrative cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton and Mr. Thigpen.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et. seq.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

West Central Technical College

At its July 14-16, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed Report II for the proposed associate degree nursing program at West Central Technical College. Five recommendations were made. The college has addressed each of these appropriately. The criteria for Initial Approval have been met. Mr. Thigpen moved the following recommendations:

1. Based upon compliance with 410-4-.01 (3) (a) and (3)(b), **Initial Approval** is granted to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at West Central Technical College. [410-3-.02 (2)(a)]
2. One (1) copy of Report III must be received in the Board office no later than June 24, 2005 for review at the Board's July 20-22, 2005 meeting. [410-4-.01 (3)(c)]
3. A site visit will be scheduled during the summer 2005 quarter. [410-4-.01 (4)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Albany State University

The Board reviewed the responses to the March 17-18, 2004 Site visit report. Mrs. Easterly moved the following recommendations:

1. Continue Conditional Approval for Albany State University until such time as a change is warranted. [410-3-.02 (4)]
2. Permit Albany State University to continue to admit students into its baccalaureate nursing program. [410-3-.02 (4)]
3. A site visit will be scheduled during the fall semester of 2005. [410-3-.01 (d)]

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Augusta State University

The Board reviewed the responses to the February 19-20, 2004 site visit report for Augusta State University. The program has Full Approval through December 31, 2004. It meets the criteria for the continuation of Full Approval. Dr. Barnett moved the following recommendations:

Based upon review of the most recent annual report, the most recent site visit report, and the four-year (2000-2003) passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of at least 80% (91/102, 89.2%), **Full Approval** is continued for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Augusta State University through December 31, 2008. [410-3-.02 (3) (b)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2007-2008 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

The Board reviewed the responses to the April 19-20, 2004 Site visit report. Mrs. Herren moved the following recommendations:

1. If the registered nurse in the Health Center is to engage in teaching in classrooms, simulated settings, and practice settings, the job description must require a baccalaureate degree in nursing. [410-3-.05 (5)]
2. Based upon noncompliance with 410-3-.05 (8) and (9), Conditional Approval is imposed on the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. [410-3-.02 (4)]
3. A site visit has been scheduled for February 7-8, 2005. [410-3-.01 (d)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Northwestern Technical College

The Board reviewed the responses to the Northwestern Technical College's May 5-6, 2004 site visit report. The criteria for Full Approval have been met. Mrs. Keeton moved the following recommendations:

Based upon review of the most recent annual report, the most recent site visit report, and a passing percentage of at least 80% of all graduates of the first class (16/20, 80%) on the licensing examination, **Full Approval** is granted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Northwestern Technical College through December 31, 2008. [410-3-.02 (3) (d)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2007-2008 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Valdosta State University

The Board reviewed the responses to the April 26-27, 2004 site visit report. Mrs. Easterly moved the following recommendations:

1. Acknowledge Valdosta State University's responses to the April 26-27, 2004 site visit report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]
2. Full Approval for the baccalaureate degree nursing program at Valdosta State University is extended through December 31, 2005. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Mr. Thigpen recused.

SITE VISIT DATES

Julia Gould, Nurse Consultant-Education, confirmed dates and visitors with Board Members.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

RBG - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant:

1. Notify RG, applicant for licensure by examination, that in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in mental health/psychiatric nursing. This course must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse

which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must be requested to submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)(C)]

2. Upon passing the NCLEX-RN, RG must satisfactorily complete a Board-approved reentry program prior to the issuance of a permanent license. [410-6-.02 (2)(e) and (f)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SL- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Easterly moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant:

1. Approve SL, applicant for licensure by examination, to write the NCLEX-RN. [410-6-.02 (1) and (2)]
2. Upon passing the NCLEX-RN, the applicant must satisfactorily complete a Board-approved reentry program prior to the issuance of a permanent license. [410-6-.02 (2) (e) and (f)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DR- The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Keeton moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant:

Notify DR, that in order for her to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in, and graduate from, an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse, which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1), (2)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040419- Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to notify the Medical Board of the issue brought forth by the nurse. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI050038- Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the initial consent order prepared by Legal Services. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI050091- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by endorsement with a letter of concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Dr. Barnett moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

Case No.	Recommended Action
3801970005 3801010084	Deny request to Lift Limitations.

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3801990097 3801000077	Lift Limitations
3801990056 3801010107	Lift Limitations
3801980045 3801020215	Deny request to Lift Limitations.

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Mr. Thigpen moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**.
Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Casey Walker	Annelise Jenen	Barbara Woodley	Jennifer Fleetwood
Paige Balenger	Franklin Hendley	Temeka Thomas	Richard Dancel
Lateshia Thomas	Gemma Ellis	Scott Biscan	Shana Unterreiner
Andrew Blawat	Laura Ann Cox	Kimberly Hudgins	Jessica Bukannan
Holly Steuer	Gina Scott	Shawanna Long	Sandra Dougherty
Lashunda Twiggs	Grace Scott	Candice Hollifield	Kimberly Tabickman
Nancy Gore	Sheila Meer	Graynell Mitchell	
Jason Conner	Comblena Lewis	Colleen Lavender	
Natasha Collins-Parker	Lisa Newsome	Kari Bailey	

LICENSURE APPROVAL

Mr. Thigpen moved, Dr. Barnett seconded and the Board voted to **Approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of July 2004 and August 2004 who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements.

APPLICATION FOR BOARD REVIEW

(**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801990135/RNI050092- Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind the September 23, 2004 Board Meeting motion. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In addition, Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Public Consent Order to include a \$500 fine for falsification of application, to be paid by March 30, 2005, and license may be issued upon receipt of signed docketed consent order. If fine not received by date certain, it will be considered a violation of the order and license will be subject to further sanctions to include revocation. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Karen K. Wessinger, Vice-President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on November 9, 2004.